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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GREAT

The Journal Indorsed.

[From the Journal, April &] I heartily indorse every word of

EDWARD GROUT, President of the

Thanks Due to the Journal.

> [From the Journal, April 9.] The Journal's course in advocating cheaper gas is in line with its public spirited policy, and the citizens of New York will have it to thank when this improvement is a fact. RICHARD CROKER.

Success for a Principle,

[From the Journal, April 10.] I am glad to see the stand that the Journal has taken and to watch the success of the principle which It has strongly maintained, GEORGE M. VAN HOESEN, Chair-

man of Tammany's General Com-

mittee.

Journal Struck a Bull's-Eye.

[From the Journal, April 6.] The quicker we get a city gas plant the quicker will the problem of cheap gas be solved. The Journal struck a bull's eye this morning. FREDERICK BOWLEY, President of the Borough of Queens.

A Splendid Fight.

(From the Journal, April 10.] I am desirous of congratulating the New York Journal on the stand It has taken on the subject of cheap and good gas. To its instrumentality and the splendld fight it has made the final victory will be very largely

ASSEMBLYMAN JULIUS HAR-

Only the Wealthy Will Suffer. +

Only those very wealthy persons who have been drawing dividends from the overcharging of gas and the wholesale watering of gas stock will suffer. These persons deserve to suffer. The Journal deserves the thanks of the people for the good work it is doing. CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM

SULZER.

Gity Should Purchase Gas Plants.

[From the Journal, April 11.] The Journal is right, and if I had my way and was in the Legislature I would see to it that a bill would be enacted to have the city purchase gas plants.

SUPERINTENDENT LAWRENCE, Brooklyn Street Cleaning Depart-

PREPARE FOR THE NEXT GAS FIGHT.

Municipal Light Is the Only Thing That Will Make the Companies Retain the Reduced Rate When the Agitation Ceases.

T took less than a month of agitation to bring the gas rates in New York down from \$1.10 to 65 cents. Ostensibly the reason for this startling cut by the Mutual Company and the Consolidated Gas Company is that war has broken out among the forces that have plundered the people in amity for so many years.

The real reason for the cut is that the people have been roused by the extortions of these corporations until a municipal plant is

The Journal has shown since it began the agitation for city. gas, less than a month ago, that New York can light its streets and municipal buildings without cost, and supply its citizens with gas at 50 cents per 1,000 feet without increasing the burdens of taxation in any way. That they would not much longer bear the burden of paying more than twice what the product is worth to the gas barons was obvious.

With the misfortune of losing their monopoly the companies became peevish and nervous and the hugest of the concerns sought to drive the New Amsterdam and Standard Companies, which were doing pretty well at their own style of hold-up, into a complete trust. The idea being, of course, that a single solid trust could more successfully fight the dragon of municipal gas.

The outside companies talk about not only meeting the Consolidated and Mutual cut, but of going further in reprisal and furnishing gas at 50 cents per 1,000 feet.

That honest men get their due when thieves fall out is proverbial, but not invariable. If the project of New York's supplying its own gas is abandoned the breaches among the gas companies will be healed with amazing suddenness, and they may all be trusted to unite to get back from the public the spoil they will have foregone by the rate cutting.

It is even possible that the company officers are red in the face with suppression instead of anger, and that the whole gory spectacle and panorama of war is only comic opera; that there is no fight but only the likeness of one trenchantly displayed for the delusion of the greater city.

Brooklyn does not profit by the cut in gas rates. The officers of the Mutual and Consolidated companies would not answer when they were asked yesterday if the reduction was a perma-

If the war between the companies is real and the reduction honest, it is all the more reason that New York should build its own gas plant to prevent the companies' backsliding to the old high rate when the cruel war is over. If the war is a lure the necessity of the city's owning its own gas plant for the protection of its citizens is obvious.

Rejoice that your gas bill next month will be only a little more than half what it was last month; but keep your eye on the gun.

Build the City Gas Works.

but on the general principle of uncertainty

The bears in the stock market, who never

STOCK GOES DOWN WITH THE RATES.

As a result of the cut in rates Consolidated Gas stock declined 13 points on the Stock Exchange, where almost 22,090 shares were dealt in. The other local gas stocks are not listed on the Stock Exchange. In the 'outside' market New Amsterdam Gas shares sold as low as 60 for the preferred and 34 for the common.

hey stamp their hoofs, shake their heads CITY NOT TO BENEFIT

EXPOSITION YOU GAN HAY MINICIPAL GAS AT 50 CENTS PER 1,000 IF YOU WILL WORK FOR IT. TO ALBANDAL UN DARD OF LET_THE CITY END EXTORTION AND MAKE ITS OWN GAS. JOURNAL FOR CITY GAS BILL, "1888 INTRODUCED,

How the Journal Won the Fight for Cheap Gas.

THANKS FOR ITS

GRABBERS SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

Detroit, Mich., May 1. I have just heard of the reduction in gas rates in your city to sixty-five cents. New York is to be congratulated. I recommended the same thing to the Detroit Gas Company a short time ago. The movement for

municipal ownership is rapidly gaining momentum. New York's gas company owners are beginning to see the handwriting on the wall. The time is near at hand when the people will no longer tolerate the granting of valuable public monopolies for private profit. You are now very close to municipal ownership and operation.

H. S. PINGREE, Governor.

VICTORY FOR JOURNAL'S INTERNAL POLICY.

. The first of the Toledo, Ohio, May 1. To the Editor of the Journal: I congratulate the Journal on the first victory for the American Internal policy, by securing a reduction

in the price of gas from \$1.10 to sixty-five cents per thousand. The people of New York will save thousands of The handwritins is on the wall that tells the doom of private ownership of public function. Absolute mu-

nicipal ownership and operation is the only method by which the people , can stop paying profit to private c orporations, and the only slution of the whle franchise questin.

S. M. JONES, Mayor.

BUFFALO HAILS THE JOURNAL VICTORY.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 1. To the Editor of the Journal: That the Journal has won its fight for cheaper gas will be good news for consumers everywhere, and here in Buffalo, where the subject of a municipal plant is engaging public attention, your achievement will be appreciated. I congratulate the Journal and the people of Greater New York. Such a gfift is not won without great endeavor and perseverence.

CONRAD DIEHL, Mayor.

JOURNAL VICTORY WILL HELP CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1. To the Editor of the Journal: That's good news. The subject is being agitated here, and the Journal's success in New York will have great influence toward our getting cheap gas. We have been fleeced here by our home company for a matter

of forty years already, and it is very strongly intrenched in politics, but I think that the time for the downfall MAYOR GUSTAV TAFEL.

GAS COMPANIES TALK OF RATE WAR.

The Mutual Says It Only Cut to Please Its Customers. The Consolidated Gloomily Concurs. Truth Cut with Gas Rate.

There was a flutter of excitement in the pendent companies were office of the Mutual Gas Company, No. 36 General James Jourdan dent. In the full of Union Company made a Union Company made at Union Companies were officed at the Companies at nain office, where for years customers have paid twice the price they should have paid for their illuminant, a notice that

Hereafter and until further notice the price of gas to all eustomers of this company will be at the rate of 65 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. W. C. BESSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Canny Consolidated. At the office of the Consolidated Com pany, No. 4 Irving place, no one was very Secretary O. F. Zoll

Was there a disagreement, then?"
have nothing more to say. That is abtely all there is to it." Standard Was Surprised.

The superintendent of the Standard Gas

WHAT PEOPLE SAY OF

THE JOURNAL VICTORY. ills tried to have the notice made retro- The Companies by Their Reduction Confess They Have Been Charging Extortionately.

POLICE COMMISSIONER JACOB mendable victory. It has fought magnifihis is only another proof which have just reduced their process the people are tainly must have done so in response to long will the reduction inst?" he the public sentiment created by the Journal. It seems to me that the fight for cheap gas has become a triumph for the

people indeed, FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN JAMES tremendously in forcing the companies to

SENATOR GEORGE

SCALY BLEEDING SORES

No Rest Day or Night. Sufferings Boy youd Description. Dwindled to a Skeleton. All Thought would Die.

Mother Reads of Wonderful Cure by CUTICURA. Father Goes 5 Miles to Get It. Instant and Grateful Belief.

Complete Cure in Nine Weeks, and Awful Sufferings.

The superintendent of the Standard Gas Light Company said last pight that the cut in the price of gas made by the Mutual and the Consolidated companies was considerable of a surprise to the Standard. He said, however, that the Standard will continue to protect its customers, and without question will meet the cut made by the other companies. A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held to-day to take action in the matter, he said, and in the meantime the Standard will sell gas at 65 cents. He said that there was no desire on the part of the Standard to force a fight, but that the company, in order to protect its customers, would doubtless meet every cut made by the other companies.

It Doesn't Help Brooklyn
There will be no reduction in the price of gas in the Borough of Brooklyn, at least for the present. The Brooklyn Union Gas Company controls the entire output in Brooklyn with the exception of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced daily, and in mise weeks from the time he started on the Curicura Remembers when you're constipated, undigested food rots in your teleance of the said at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of the small plant at Coney Island. The seven indeviced the control of t My baby had a terrible breaking out all over

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MRS. ROBERTA DAVIS,
Aug. 29, 1898.

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CRISP FOOD

Or Hot Mush, A Question. The President of the American Fine Art Company, of Milwaukee, a Ger-man, commenting on the likes of his Ex-Judge John F. Dillon Declines to Countrymen in food, states that many do not care for mush or soft cereal food for breakfast. He says the crisp character and delicate sweet of Grape-

BY THE TAX TILL 1900. low changed conditions to be discounted a natural way, were very industriously

In passage of the Ford Franchise Tax law has upset Wall, Street.

Nobody knows just what is going to happen, and the buils are stampeding in the canyon from Trinity Church to the East River.

The worst of it is that the buils are not sare they have anything to be afraid of, but on the general principle of upsets of the new tax.

The majority maintain that the tax is perfectly inst, that it is hould have been enforced long ago, and that when the readjustment of securities to the new conditions has been accomplished there will be not even a ripple in the financial markets as a result of the new tax.

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of that monopoly has at last come.

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HE TELLS HOW, AND ESTIMATES THE VALUE OF FRANCHISES.